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1. On 5 December Viktor Khangulov, Soviet Chargé d'Affaires, told source that Soviet Minister Solod would probably not return to his post from Moscow until January, and that, as Solod had been away so long, he might not return at all. Khangulov stated that Solod had been away on leave and not on business. (██████████ Comment. This is the first time that a Soviet official has admitted the possibility that Solod might not return to Lebanon, a fact which the Soviet representatives have consistently denied to all who questioned them.)
2. On 8 December Khangulov told source that Solod was returning on 9 December without his family.
3. On 9 December Solod arrived in Beirut accompanied by his wife, but not by his sons. Solod had been enjoying leave in the Crimea when he received a telegram ordering him to report in Moscow within twenty-four hours. He then returned to Lebanon directly from Moscow. Source was told by an informant of unknown reliability that, shortly after his return, Solod received ██████████ Khalid Baghdash, President of the Syrian Communist Party, and Rashad 'Isa, Secretary of the Syrian Communist Party, at the Soviet Legation, but source has not been able to confirm this meeting.

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